Insurance cover for Mariginalised Tribals

42. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to extend insurance cover to the mariginalised tribals in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the action plan;

(c) the details of the tribal communities in Orissa that would be covered under this scheme; and

(d) whether it is a 100 percent Centrally funded project or the States would also be required to fund the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Ministry of Tribal Affairs have extended financial assistance to the State Governments during 2004-2005 for providing insurance coverage to one lakh heads of families belonging to Primitive Tribal Groups (PTG) under Janashree Bima Yojana, of Life Insurance Corporation of India. It is proposed to provide insurance cover to approximately five lakhs such persons by the end of the 10th Five Year Plan.

(c) All the heads of Primitive Tribal Groups families in Orissa are eligible for the insurance coverage under the scheme.

(d) It is a 100 percent Centrally funded Scheme.

Decline in Profits of Banks

†43. DR. MURLIMANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that either the comparative profits have declined in the Public Sector Banks of the country during the third quarter (from October to December) of the financial year 2004-2005 or they have incurred losses;

(b) if so, the names of those banks and estimated amount of their respective losses; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.